IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	pplication of:) Conf. #: 3739
	Gang BAO et al.)
) Art Unit: 1618
Serial 1	No. 10/694,243)
) Examiner: Dameron Levest Jones
Filed:	October 27, 2003)
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For:	MULTIFUNCTIONAL MAGNETIC)
	NANOPARTICLE PROBES FOR)
	INTRACELLULAR MOLECULAR IMAGING	;)
	AND MONITORING)

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

The amendments and remarks herein are responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2006, a response which is due November 25, 2006, without any extensions of time. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendments, consideration of the appended remarks, and allowance of the above-identified application.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically, addressed to: Mail Stop: AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 24, 2006.

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